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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EWWT EAID EG  
SUBJ: UNLOADING OF PL-480 WHEAT IN PORT SAID

REF: CAIRO 13260

1. MARINE SHIPPING CORPORATION (MSC) FINISHED DISCHARGING  
WHEAT FROM STRATHEARN AUGUST 21, TWO DAYS LATER THAN HOPED  
FOR IN REF; BEGAN DISCHARGING PERICLES HALCONSSIS AUGUST 22.  
MSC HAD TO SLOW DOWN PACE FROM AVERAGE 2500 TONS/DAY  
TO 2000 TONS/DAY AS FEWER TRUCKES BECAME AVAILABLE O/A  
AUGUST 8-10. CAUSE SEEMS TO BE THAT THREE OTHER GRAIN  
SHIPS ARE NOW MOURED IN PORT SAID, SO THAT TOTAL GRAIN  
DISCHARGING AT PRESENT TIME IN PORT SAID IS 4000 TONS/DAY.  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF TRUCKING REQUIRED HAS THUS INCREASED  
DRAMATICALLY; PRIOR TO INCEPTION OF MSC, PORT SAID  
ONLY HANDLED AVERAGE 1500 TONS/DAY. INCREASE IN  
PORT SAID SHOULD RESULT IN LESSENNED PRESSURE ON  
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ALEXANDRIA HARBOUR.

2. WHILE DISAPPOINTED AT REDUCED RATE OF DISCHARGE,  
MSC WILLING TO BIDE TIME, CONCENTRATING NOW ON BUILDING  
12,000 TON-CAPACITY WAREHOUSE. WHEN WAREHOUSE  
COMPLETED, MINISTRY OF SUPPLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO  
COMPLAIN ABOUT PILING UP WHEAT AND MSC WILL INSIST

THAT MINISTRY SUPPLY KEEP TO MINIMUM CONTRACT RATE OF 2,500 TONS/DAY. (MSC IS CAPABLE OFFLOADING AT LEAST 6,000 TONS/DAY.)

3. BRUER RELATES THAT MINISTRY SUPPLY HAS NOW INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY MSC BUILDING AUTOMATED SACKING AND LOADING SYSTEM, IN ADDITION TO CONVEYOR OFFLOADING SYSTEM. GIVEN VEHEMENT LOCAL OPPOSTIION TO CONVEYOR SYSTEM WHEN INSTITUTED IN JUNE, BRUER IS RELUCTANT TO WAGE WAR AGAIN - BUT HE WILL IMPORT A SINGLE MACHINE FOR TRY-OUT PURPOSES. HE IS FULLY AWARE NOW THAT NO AMOUNT OF AUTOMATED EFFICIENCY ON HIS PART WILL MAKE UP FOR INADEQUATE TRANSPORT CAPACITY.

4. ONE FACTOR THAT REDUCES NUMBER OF TRUCKS AVAILABLE IS THE CHAOTIC CONDITION AT THE CUSTOMS POINT ALONG HIGHWAY LEADING OUT OF PORT SAID. (NOTE: ONLY OTHER HIGHWAY OUT OF PORT SAID LEADS TO THE NORTHERN DELTA AND IS NOT USEFUL FOR TRUCK TRANSPORT TO CAIRO.) AT 1500 ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - 23, CONSUL OBSERVED TRUCKS- MAINLY WHEAT TRUCKS - LINED UP FOR 11/2 MILES IN FRONT OF CUSTOMS GATE; SITUATION IS SAID TO BE MARKEDLY WORSE FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS. TRUCKS MAY SIT FOR TWELVE HOURS WAITING TO LEAVE THE CITY, THUS DOUBLING ROUND-TRIP TIME TO CAIRO. PORT SAID CHIEF OF SECURITY SAMY KHODAIR ASSURES THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEASURES WILL SOON BE TAKEN TO SPEED UP CUSTOMS PROCESSING OF TRUCKS. ONE HOPEFUL SIGN IS THAT PORT SAID CUSTOM DIRECTOR MOAWED MAAREK HAS JUST BEEN SACKED.  
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